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**St.
John's
United
Church
of Christ**



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**July 28,
2024**

**Worship
10:30 A.M.**



T-Shirts

St. John's United Church of Christ

WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.

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Nursery: The nursery is open! Please check downstairs and meet with the nursery attendant before leaving your child.

Please join us to celebrate Cheryl Van Abbema's 80th Birthday

on Saturday, August 10th from Noon to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Church, 401 North Main St., Belvidere. RSVP– text Beth Markiewicz 773 -320-9137

No Gifts Please!

You Are Not Alone

The following support groups meet regularly at St. John's

- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am

Community Ministries

- **Community Meal:** Every 3rd Wednesday from 5p-6p!
- **Blessing Box:** Outside by the Main Street entrance open to all who are hungry 24/7.
- **Paper Angel Closet:** Provides supplies to households in need. Currently needing Shampoo, Women's Deodorant, Dish Soap, and Kleenex.
- **Every 3rd Sunday of the month,** St. John's leads services at **Heritage Woods.**

Hymn #407 "How Firm a Foundation" (Verses 1-3)**Benediction (Inspired by Ephesians 3:16-21)**

May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened in your inner being, be rooted and grounded in love, and be filled with the fullness of God.
To the Holy One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

Gathering Fragments: Service Prayers for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Prelude**Announcements**

Choral Introit "There's Bread for the Journey"
There's bread for the journey and friends for the way.
There's hope for tomorrow and love for today.
O Holy Spirit, bind us together, now.
O Holy Spirit, Bring us your peace.

The cup of forgiveness, all blessings release,
to heal and renew us and bring us God's peace,
O Holy Spirit, bind us together, now.
O Holy Spirit, Bring us your peace.

Responsive Welcome Statement (Leader Speaks Plain Font, **All Speak Bold Font**)

At St. John's United Church of Christ, we are Living Outwardly & Valuing Everyone!

We live and work amid God's love!

In that spirit, we extend love to all who come into our midst, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, nationality, skin color, culture, differing abilities, age or political affiliations, to participate fully in all aspects of church.

Our ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all.

We work in God's name to tear down walls and build community,
to walk with each other through all of life's circumstances,
to provide for those in need,

to offer comfort to the hurting and the sick,

and to uplift the brokenhearted.

Where we fail, we ask for God's forgiveness.

May the Holy Spirit and our siblings continue to challenge us to do better.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Call to Worship (Inspired by 145:10-18)

We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Invocation

Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

Hymn #42 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

The Apostles' Creed #881

Children's Time "Recycle, Reduce, Reuse"

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #321 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are enough. God's grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency. Through the Holy One's sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and God's kingdom real in the world.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture John 6:1-21

Sermon "How Fragment's are Made"

Moment for Mission Carpenter's Place

Invitation to Generosity

Generosity encourages us to consider what we have to share beyond our own use. May we exhibit the generosity of the young person found in the gospel narrative that shared their lunch when Philip surveyed the crowd of thousands. The miracle starts with that act of sharing and faith.

Musical Offering

Doxology

**Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kingdom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. Amen.